

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 have been rejected.

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 19, and 21 have been amended as set forth herein.

Claims 1-21 remain pending in this application.

Reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-21 are respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0002927 to Detampel, Jr. et al. ("*Detampel*"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A prior art reference anticipates the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 102 only if every element of a claimed invention is identically shown in that single reference, arranged as they are in the claims. (*MPEP* § 2131; *In re Bond*, 910 F.2d 831, 832, 15 U.S.P.Q.2d 1566, 1567 (Fed. Cir. 1990)). Anticipation is only shown where each and every limitation of the claimed invention is found in a single prior art reference. (*MPEP* § 2131; *In re Donohue*, 766 F.2d 531, 534, 226 U.S.P.Q. 619, 621 (Fed. Cir. 1985)).

Detampel recites a system supporting on-demand teleconferencing. (*Abstract*). Among other things, a subscriber may establish a conference call by dialing into the system and providing his or her passcode. (*Pars.* [0067]-[0070]). Once the proper passcode is provided, the subscriber provides

a personal identification number (PIN) to the system. (*Pars.* [0071]-[0073]). A participant is allowed to join the conference call by providing the same PIN to the system. (*Par.* [0075]).

Detampel simply recites a system where participants may access a conference call by providing a PIN, which is selected by a subscriber when the subscriber accesses the system. *Detampel* lacks any mention of the participants needing to provide a PIN to the system multiple times. For example, *Detampel* lacks any mention of requiring each participant to both (i) enter a PIN before accessing a conference call, and (ii) entering the same or different PIN after the conference call begins in order to continue participating in the conference call. As a result, *Detampel* fails to anticipate (i) securing a “conference bridge” using a “first pass code” received from a “first access” by allowing a “second access” to the conference bridge based at least partially on the first pass code and (ii) allowing the second access to “continue after the conference call begins” based at least partially on a second pass code (where the second pass code may or may not equal the first pass code) as recited in Claims 1, 8, and 16.

For these reasons, *Detampel* fails to anticipate the Applicant’s invention as recited in Claims 1, 8, and 15 (and their dependent claims).

Regarding the dependent claims, the dependent claims are patentable due to their dependence from allowable base claims and in light of their own recitations. For example, Claims 2, 9, and 16 recite that the second pass code “does not equal the first pass code.” *Detampel* lacks any mention that the participants need to provide one PIN to access a conference call and a different PIN to continue accessing the conference call after the conference call begins. As a result, *Detampel* fails to anticipate these elements of Claims 2, 9, and 16.

Also, Claims 3, 10, and 17 recite that the second pass code is received “from the first access during the conference call.” *Detampel* simply recites that a subscriber may provide a PIN before a conference call is established. *Detampel* lacks any mention of the subscriber providing one PIN before the conference call is established and a different PIN during that conference call. As a result, *Detampel* fails to anticipate these elements of Claims 3, 10, and 17.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the § 102(b) rejection of Claims 1-21.

II. CONCLUSION

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant asserts that the remaining Claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

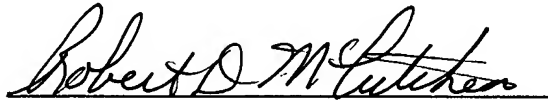
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *rmccutcheon@davismunck.com*.

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